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FROM : Chief, Contact Division, OO

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The following report, received from Janis Roberts Kirsons,
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List of Latvian Legionnaires Interned in Sweden and
Given over to USSR.

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3. From news received from Latvia, it was determined that most of the above men were tried and convicted of treason by a People's Tribunal and were sentenced to from 10 to 25 years of hard labor in Siberian prison camps. In 1948 Lt Col Karlis Gailitis was living in the District of Krasnojarsk near the town of Nazarova. Warrant Officer Teodors Zebergs was living in 1948 in Latvia and was employed as a forester. His wife, Zenta Zebergs, lives in Germany (24), Kiel-Wellingdorf, Weidenweg 68. NCO Augusta Kaneps was employed in 1952 by the large factory VEF in Riga, Latvia.

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SOURCE A Latvian DP and former officer of the Latvian Legion of the German Army.

The attached information was compiled by the source from records available to him in Germany from 1948 to 1950.

1. When Germany accepted unconditional surrender in May 1945, some 170 soldiers, men from Baltic countries who had joined the Germans because of a desire to fight back against the Communists, fled to Sweden rather than fall into the hands of the Soviets. They were interned in Sweden, but it soon came out that a secret agreement had been made between the Swedes and the USSR for the return of former members of the German armies who had fought against the Soviets. In protest, a hunger strike began among the soldiers under their medical officer, Lt Eichfuss-Atvars. The strike caused many protests to be made by professors, students, churches, organizations and even Swedish officers. The International Red Cross intervened and a personal plea was made by King Gustav V to Stalin, which was rejected. When it became apparent that the men were to be returned, two of the officers, Lieutenants P. Vabulis and O. Laiza committed suicide. Lieutenants E. Alkanis and A. Plums attempted suicide but were unsuccessful and later escaped to the UK. On 25 Jan 46, 140 of the men were forcibly loaded on the Soviet ship Belocostrov at Trullenborg, Sweden and were transported to Liepaja, Latvia. Because of illness 12 were permitted to remain behind in hospitals, and although the Soviets demanded their return, various delays gave them an opportunity to escape to the UK. It is possible that some former soldiers who were able to hide their identity are still in Sweden.

2. Following is the list of the Latvian Legionnaires returned to Latvia.

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Name (Last, first)	Date of Birth	Grade
APINIS Edvins	11 Jan 12	Marksmen
AUNINS Herberts	25 Jul 25	Marksmen
APINIS Edvins	30 Oct 25	Marksmen
APKALIS Peteris	3 Feb 98	Capt
APRAMS Olgerts	2 Mar 28	Marksmen
AUSTRUMS Aleksandra	1928	Marksmen
PUVIZA Janis	10 Aug 25	2nd Lt
BRIEDIS Arnolds	3 Oct 10	NCO
BLUMS Karlis	7 Mar 18	NCO
BRAUNS Karlis	26 Jun 25	Marksmen

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Name (Last, first)	Date of Birth	Grade
ANDRIS Jakobs	12 Apr 12	Marksmen
ANDRIS Osvalds	2 May 26	Marksmen
ANDRIS Karlis	1 Mar 26	Marksmen
ANDRIS Uldis	2 May 25	Marksmen
ANDRIS Antons	13 Jan 25	Marksmen
BERGERS Roberts	30 Dec 13	Marksmen
BISERIENS Janis	30 Apr 25	Marksmen
BADITAJIS Peteris	25 Aug 15	Marksmen
BALODIS Ernests	8 Dec 10	NCO
BERIS Janis	23 Jul 26	Marksmen
CELIJS Bernhards	29 Oct 02	2nd Lt
CELIJS Alberts	5 Dec 14	NCO
CIRIJS Peteris	10 Nov 26	Marksmen
CAUSE Ojars	30 Mar 22	Marksmen
CETERMANIS Karlis	19 Dec 21	Marksmen
CIRIJS Ervins	25 Jan 06	WO
DABERGS Edmunds	21 May 10	NCO
DAUGAVIETIS Janis	17 Sep 10	Marksmen
DABULIS Oskars	7 Dec 26	Marksmen
DEIJS Juris	14 Jul 25	Marksmen
DEIJS Juris	16 Mar 11	Marksmen
DUPERS Augusts	27 May 16	2nd Lt
ELTERMANIS Valdemars	25 Jun 01	1st Lt
ENIJS Voldemars	28 Jul 12	NCO
EGLIJS Janis	4 Oct 25	Marksmen
EDULIS Vilis	22 Oct 25	Marksmen
EZERGAJIS Vitalijs	2 Apr 09	Marksmen
EICHFUSS-ATVARS Elmars	1913(approx.)	2nd Lt MD
ELIJS Voldemars	31 May 27	Marksmen
GRAUDINS Arturs	11 May 10	NCO
GOLANSKIS Konstantins	23 Jan 14	NCO
GOLDSTEINS Jakabs	4 Oct 05	NCO
GRIVA Evalds	30 Dec 14	NCO
GUDLEVSKIS Simanis	12 Dec 22	Marksmen
GRASIS Ojars	6 Nov 26	Marksmen
GAILIJS Karlis	- - -	Lt Col Lawyer
HAJIS Elmars	8 Jan 21	NCO
JEIJS Augusts	11 Jul 15	Marksmen
JERKSONS Janis	3 Jul 17	NCO
KESSELS Ernests	9 Jan 95	Capt
KARLSONS Ernests	24 May 83	1st Lt
KIOMS Valdis	13 Oct 12	2nd Lt
KIRSTEINS Atvars	2 Nov 16	2nd Lt
KAMERILOVS Juris	23 Nov 12	WO
KANEPS Arvids	13 Jul 11	WO
KOCHS Pricis	18 Mar 12	NCO
KAPLIS Janis	23 Jun 12	Marksmen
KARKLINS Janis	26 Jul 24	Marksmen
KRONPUS Linards	9 Nov 26	Marksmen
KAIJA Voldemars	10 May 25	Marksmen
KLOVANS Vladislavs	6 Aug 15	Marksmen
KARULIS Richards	7 Jul 26	Marksmen
KLAVINS Eduards	19 Oct 24	Marksmen
KLAVINS Karlis	4 Feb 26	Marksmen
KARLIS Augusts	5 Oct 26	Marksmen
KOLIS Meislavs	2 Apr 26	Marksmen
KALINS Arvids	22 Oct 25	Marksmen
KRIVS Oskars	28 Jul 25	Marksmen
KUMIJS Janis	4 Oct 09	Marksmen
KALINS Peteris	9 Sep 10	Marksmen
KALINS Janis	1 Feb 27	Marksmen
KALINS Leonards	14 Jan 26	Marksmen
KALINS Augusts	14 Jan 26	NCO

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(Last, first)	Date of Birth	Grade
<u>LETKAUS</u> Paula	16 Sep 05	1st Lt
<u>LENDIS</u> Peteris	23 Jan 26	Marksmen
<u>LACIS</u> Olgerts	3 Sep 18	1st Lt
<u>LICIS</u> Arnolds	15 Feb 10	2nd Lt
<u>LIEPINS</u> Manfreds	15 May 14	Marksmen
<u>LIEPINS</u> Evalds	19 Apr 20 (born in Kadulienna)	Marksmen
<u>MUTZNIEKS</u> Janis	12 Jan 25	Marksmen
<u>MARKEVICS</u> Viktors	2 Apr 24	Marksmen
<u>MACE</u> Aleksandre	15 May 23	Marksmen
<u>MIESNIS</u> Boriss	27 Nov 20	Marksmen
<u>MILLERS</u> Aleksandrs	19 Jan 11	Marksmen
<u>MUTZNIEKS</u> Modests	15 Nov 22	Marksmen
<u>MAURERS</u> Martins	16 Sep 20	Marksmen
<u>MINICS</u> Antonijs	24 Sep 24	Marksmen
<u>METSONS</u> Georgs	9 Apr 18	1st Lt
<u>OZOLINS</u> Roberts	17 Sep 25	Marksmen
<u>OZOLINS</u> Laimots	26 Nov 25	Marksmen
<u>OLAVS</u> Ernests	24 Apr 25	Marksmen
<u>FRISNIKOVS</u> Janis	7 Jul 12	Marksmen
<u>FRILANDERS</u> Janis	10 Apr 10 (born in Dzalsava)	2nd Lt Art Dr econ
<u>PUTVALIS</u> Gustavs	27 Oct 23	Marksmen
<u>POLANSKIS</u> Adolfs	18 Dec 22	Marksmen
<u>PABEZS</u> Alfreds	10 Jun 12	Marksmen
<u>POGLIKAJEVS</u> Georgijs	16 May 06	Marksmen
<u>RAISKUS</u> Jekabs	29 May 10	1st Lt
<u>RUDZAVICS</u> Janis	28 Jun 11	NCO
<u>RUJA</u> Ilmars	6 Nov 26	Marksmen
<u>RUKS</u> Valdis	21 Jul 25	Marksmen
<u>RIMCANS</u> Vincents	25 Mar 23	Marksmen
<u>RUDENIS</u> Janis	2 Nov 26	Marksmen
<u>REKIS</u> Oskars	22 Jul 14	2nd Lt
<u>RODINS</u> Toofils	28 May 27	Marksmen
<u>SLEIDINS</u> Janis	24 May 16	2nd Lt
<u>STUBRIS</u> Eriks	12 Apr 22	NCO
<u>SWAVERS</u> Olgerts	8 Jan 13 (born in Virane)	NCO
<u>SVARENS-SVARENIEKS</u> Martins	29 Apr 08	NCO
<u>STOCKHAUSENS</u> Arvids	30 Dec 11	NCO
<u>LENDIS</u> Peteris	25 Jul 08	Marksmen
<u>SWEDINS</u> Karlis	19 Aug 15	Marksmen
<u>SILINS</u> Richards	- - - -	(Artillerist)
<u>SILS</u> Viktors	22 Sep 22	Marksmen
<u>SICHOMANIS</u> Stanislavs	24 Jul 24	Marksmen
<u>SILVINSKIS</u> Valentins	26 Aug 24	Marksmen
<u>SHITS-PETERSONS</u> Arnolds	31 Jul 22	Marksmen
<u>STENIS</u> Janis	8 Jun 20	Marksmen
<u>TRAUBENGS</u> Vilhelms	28 May 22	Marksmen
<u>THORIS</u> Janis	5 Nov 17	Marksmen
<u>UDRASOLS</u> Alberts	22 Sep 18	Marksmen
<u>UDRASOLS</u> Donats	19 Sep 25	Marksmen
<u>VOIKA</u> Janis	23 Nov 21	WO
<u>VILPS</u> Gustavs	20 Mar 11	NCO
<u>VEVERIS</u> Austrims	16 Apr 26	Marksmen
<u>ZIEGLIS</u> Vilis	2 Jan 03	Capt
<u>ZIEGLIS</u> Peteris	1 Sep 18	2nd Lt
<u>ZIEGLIS</u> Teodors	4 Apr 10	WO Eng - Forester
<u>ZUTIS</u> Jekabs	22 May 11	NCO
<u>VILDERS</u> Janis	12 Feb 09	Marksmen